

MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1999
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
1:30 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Kathy Campbell, Chair
Bob Workman
Linda Steinman
Bernie Heier
Larry Hudkins

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney
Norm Agena, County Assessor
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

- 1) **MINUTES:** Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, August 17, 1999. (A copy of these minutes is on file in the Office of the Lancaster County Clerk.)

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of the Board of Equalization minutes dated August 17, 1999. On call Campbell, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Heier and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried.

- 2) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

Approval of 18 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".
(19991589) (19991590)

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. On call Campbell, Steinman and Workman voted aye. Heier and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried.

- 3) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

Clyde Malone Community Center
Grace Lutheran Church
Martin Luther Homes of Nebraska Inc.
Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded approval of motor vehicle tax exemptions for Clyde Malone Community Center, Grace Lutheran Church, Martin Luther Homes of Nebraska Inc. and Saint Elizabeth Regional Medical Center. On call Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Heier and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried.

4) **SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR NOTICE OF VALUATION CHANGE:**

Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Ant LLC.

By direction of the Chair, a public hearing was set for Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 2:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Chambers on the first floor of the County-City Building for notice of valuation change for omitted or undervalued property for Ant LLC.

5) **APPEALS FILED ON HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

George Allen (19991544)
Freda Hopp (19991536)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Workman seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and approve the appeals filed on homestead exemptions for George Allen and Freda Hopp. On call Steinman, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Heier and Hudkins were absent from voting. Motion carried.

6) **APPROVAL OF 1999 PARTIAL 451 TAX EXEMPTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Berean Fundamental Church of Lincoln, Nebraska

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and approve a partial 451 tax exemption for 1999 on real property for Berean Fundamental Church. On call Steinman, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **APPROVAL OF 1999 451 TAX EXEMPTIONS ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Bible Baptist Church
Fellowship Church of God
Young Men's Christian Association of Lincoln, Inc.

MOTION: Heier moved and Steinman seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and approve 451 tax exemptions for 1999 for Bible Baptist Church, Fellowship Church of God and the Young Men's Christian Association of Lincoln, Inc. On call Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

8) **ADJOURNMENT:**

By direction of the Chair, the Board of Equalization meeting was adjourned.

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Campbell requested that Item 4B, Paragraph 11 of the minutes be corrected to read as follows:

By direction of the Chair, the original motion is deferred for one week.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of the Board of Commissioners minutes dated August 17, 1999, with the noted correction. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, August 24, 1999.

MOTION: Workman moved and Steinman seconded approval of the claims processed through August 24, 1999. On call Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

- 3) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Sharon Schrock, Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, gave a brief presentation on activities and events at the 1999 Nebraska State Fair (Exhibit A).

- 4) **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. A final payment voucher, in the amount of \$208, to Midwest Mobile Homes for Rural Rehabilitation Loan Payment on behalf of Tracy Latture. (19991554)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the final payment voucher, in the amount of \$208, to Midwest Mobile Homes for a Rural Rehabilitation Loan Payment on behalf of Tracy Latture. On call Workman, Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A temporary license agreement with World Wide Fiber (WWF) of Des Moines, Iowa for installation of fiber optic cable on or across County rights-of-way beginning at the Seward County line on the west boundary in Lancaster County, on Waverly Road to continue west to 148th Street then south on 148th Street to Highway 6. The agreement will be effective for a period of one year from date of execution. (19991562)

Campbell stated the license will be effective immediately and will terminate on June 22, 2000, rather than one year from date of execution, as stated in the agenda. All temporary agreements of this nature will terminate on this date, at which time the County will undertake permanent agreements with the telecommunication companies.

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval of a temporary license agreement with World Wide Fiber (WWF) of Des Moines, Iowa for installation of fiber optic cable on or across County rights-of-way beginning at the Seward County line on the west boundary in Lancaster County, on Waverly Road to continue west to 148th Street then south on 148th Street to Highway 6, effective immediately with termination on June 22, 2000. On call Hudkins, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. A contract between Lancaster County Juvenile Court and Father Flanagan's Home for Boys (Boys Town) for group home services for a two year period, beginning July 1, 1999. The County will pay \$57.38 per day all inclusive except for medical and also provide \$400 prior to a youth's admission for clothing. (19991594)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the contract between Lancaster County Juvenile Court and Father Flanagan's Home for Boys (Boys Town) for group home services for a two year period, beginning July 1, 1999.

Heier recommended that the County also make use of the Omaha Home for Boys facility in the future, as it will not involve a cost to the County.

Hudkins questioned the \$400 per youth assessment for clothing.

Steinman said terms of placement will be lengthy and this is a reasonable clothing allowance.

ROLL CALL: Steinman, Workman, Campbell, Hudkins and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. A contract with the Village of Bennet for law enforcement services through the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, beginning September 1, 1999 and ending August 31, 2000. One deputy shall be assigned at a rate equal to overtime compensation per hour to be paid to the County and 34 cents per mile for wear and tear to County vehicles. (19991601)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Steinman seconded approval of the contract with the Village of Bennet for law enforcement services through the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office, beginning September 1, 1999 and ending August 31, 2000. On call Heier, Workman, Hudkins, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. A construction agreement and permanent easement with Omaha Public Power District for the reconstruction and improvement of a portion of Yankee Hill Road near South 91st Street, in the amount of \$23,350. (19991595)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the construction agreement and permanent easement with Omaha Public Power District for the reconstruction and improvement of a portion of Yankee Hill Road near South 91st Street, in the amount of \$23,350. On call Campbell, Steinman, Workman, Heier and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- D. A resolution for County maintenance of 1,050 feet of West Silver Bell Court located in Silver Bell Estates. (19991439)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of Resolution 99-1439 for County maintenance of 1,050 feet of West Silver Bell Court located in Silver Bell Estates. On call Heier, Workman, Steinman, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- E. A resolution increasing the County contribution to the Post Employment Health Care Plan for Lancaster County employees who are unclassified and unrepresented. (19991603)

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and explained that the wording of the resolution has been revised to define its application to unrepresented employees in the classified services and unrepresented employees in the unclassified service, including appointed and elected officials.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of Resolution 99-1603 increasing the County contribution to the Post Employment Health Care Plan for Lancaster County for unrepresented employees in the classified services and unrepresented employees in the unclassified service, including appointed and elected officials. On call Steinman, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Campbell voted aye. Motion carried.

- F. A disbursement from the Lancaster County Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to Sid Swanson Electric, in the amount of \$3,014.91, for electrical wiring; to Husker Electric Supply Company, in the amount of \$1,818, for lighting accessories and to Sheppard's Business Interiors, Inc., in the amount of \$293.22 for furniture for Lancaster Manor. (19991581)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded approval of a disbursement from the Lancaster County Leasing Corporation Renewal and Replacement Fund to Sid Swanson Electric, in the amount of \$3,014.91, for electrical wiring; to Husker Electric Supply Company, in the amount of \$1,818, for lighting accessories and to Sheppard's Business Interiors, Inc., in the amount of \$293.22 for furniture for Lancaster Manor.

Workman stated these expenses are related to an upgrade of lighting in the Lancaster Manor facility and payment does not include use of County tax funds.

ROLL CALL: Workman, Campbell, Hudkins, Steinman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

- G. A request from Bonnie Jolly for a refund of real estate taxes for 1997, in the approximate amount of \$159.41 and for 1998, in the approximate amount of \$170.32. (19991511)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the request from Bonnie Jolly for a refund of real estate taxes for 1997, in the approximate amount of \$159.41 and for 1998, in the approximate amount of \$170.32. On call Hudkins, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

- H. A request from Larry Smith and Alana Dietz-Smith for a refund of real estate taxes. (19991586)

Campbell noted that the County Assessor has recommended denial, as adjustment was made through the Board of Equalization.

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded to accept the County Assessor's recommendation and deny the request from Larry Smith and Alana Dietz-Smith for a refund of real estate taxes. On call Campbell, Heier, Steinman, Workman and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

- I. A political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Corrections Department by Gary W Muhs, in the amount of \$348, for lost property. (19991582)

MOTION: Hudkins moved and Workman seconded to accept the Corrections Director's recommendation and deny the political subdivision tort claim filed against the Lancaster County Corrections Department by Gary W Muhs, in the amount of \$348, for lost property. On call Hudkins, Campbell, Steinman, Heier and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

J. Appointment of the following individuals to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Commission on the Status of Women: (19991587)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration of Term</u>
Sarah Porto	February 1, 2001
Cathy Noth	March 1, 2002
Roberta Stick	March 1, 2002

MOTION: Steinman moved and Heier seconded approval of the appointment of Sarah Porto, Cathy Noth and Roberta Stick to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Commission on the Status of Women. On call Campbell, Hudkins, Heier, Workman and Steinman voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine and which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

A. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, September 7, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building for County Special Permit 169, requested by Diamond Head Development Company, LLC, for a recreational facility (golf course and clubhouse) on property located at Northwest 140th Street and West Holdrege Street in Lancaster County, Nebraska. (19991602)

B. Maintenance agreements with the following:

- * Solutions for a copier located at the Lancaster County Treasurer's Motor Vehicle Facility, beginning August 1, 1999 and ending August 1, 2000, at an annual cost of \$548.88. (19991455)
- * IBM for an AS400 computer and printer for Lancaster Manor, in the amount of \$3,117. This is a three year agreement and the cost is included in the monthly lease payments. (19991604)

C. A quit claim deed with Everett E Munn and Marian F Riley for real property at North 134th Street and Waverly Road. (19991599)

D. Contracts relating to road improvements with the following:

- * Paul L and Marian E Rowoldt on North 70th Street near Bluff Road, in the amount of \$1,691.08 (3 contracts) (19991596) (19991597) (19991598)
- * Frances Yost Segler on North 70th Street near Interstate 80, in the amount of \$355.10 (19991600)

MOTION: Steinman moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Consent Items.

Heier requested further explanation of the maintenance agreement for Lancaster Manor.

Kathy Smith, Assistant Purchasing Agent, appeared and explained that the Mid-Range System Option (MRSO) stated in the agreement indicates that Lancaster Manor has a control procedure in place in case problems with the system are encountered. This entitles the County to a 17 percent discount for the full five years of the lease, although the County is not under any obligation to purchase additional parts or services.

Dave Johnson, Deputy County Attorney, appeared and indicated that the County is already paying for the maintenance in the lease monthly payment and this agreement was brought forth as a matter of record.

Smith said the agreement insures that the AS400 equipment will be kept in working order during the term of the lease agreement.

ON CALL: Heier, Campbell, Steinman, Hudkins and Workman voted aye. Motion carried.

Hudkins stated he will be absent on Tuesday, September 7th at which time a public hearing on County Special Permit 169, requested by Diamond Head Development Company, LLC, for a recreational facility (golf course and clubhouse) on property located at Northwest 140th Street and West Holdrege Street will be held. He noted the area of application is in his district and he would like to have input in the matter. He requested that the Board hold the public hearing open until September 14th to allow for his participation and additional public comment on the matter.

The Board agreed to comply with Hudkins request.

7) **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Heier moved and Hudkins seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting. On call Steinman, Workman, Heier, Campbell and Hudkins voted aye. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf
Lancaster County Clerk